A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works) [On behalf of SRI A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO Minister for Law and Education)].—

Revised plan and estimate amounting to Rs. 32,000 for the construction of the building for this Middle School have already been countersigned by the Director of Public Instruction and forwarded to the Executive Engineer, Bangalore Division.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎ. ಬೈರೇಗೌಡ.—32,000 ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಗಳಿಗೆ ಮಂಜೂರು ಮಾಡಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಈ ಸಾರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡವನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಬಡ್ಜೆಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿಸಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎ. ಬೈರೇಗೌಡ.—Countersignature ಕೂಡ ಆಗಿದೆ; ಇನ್ನೂ ಏಕೆ ತಡವಾಗ ಬೇಕು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಎಸ್ಟಿಮೇಟ್ ಸ್ಯಾಂಕ್ಷನ್ ಆದಮೇಲೆ ಕೂಡಲೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.

High School Classes Promotions.

Q.—674. Sri M. LINGANNA (Nanjangud).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have received complaints regarding the percentage of promotion in the I and II year of the High Schools conducted during the last week of February in Nanjangud High School ;

(*b*) If so, what steps they have taken in this matter ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works) [On behalf of SRI A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education)].—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The promotions have been declared as per rules.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Is it a fact that the percentage of failures in the I Year and II Year classes are too large in number and the promotion is not consistent with the circular issued by the Director of Public Instruction ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Promotions have been declared as per rules.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—I want to know what steps the Government have taken on the complaints that have been received ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—It is usual to file complaints.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Is it only 40 per cent in the I Year and 50 per cent in the II Year have failed in this High School ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—If definite allegation is made that rules have not been adhered to in promoting the students, we may enquire into the matter; simply because they are failed, that is not the reason for interference.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Has it come to the notice of Government that in spite of a circular issued by the Director of Public Instruction that promotions should be liberal in view of the fact that the students had no time to read the text books, the failure is too large a percentage ; what action the Government intend to take in this matter ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA—According to the reports the Government have received, rules have been adhered to by the school authorities. The percentage of passes vary from school to school for various reasons, mainly depending upon the performance of the students.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Is it a fact that students had no time even to study their books because the examinations have had to be conducted before the Survodaya Day ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—That applies to all the schools.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Have they not received complaints from almost all the heads of High Schools that the percentage of passes is too low and that they are not in keeping with the circular issued by the Director of Public Instruction ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—We have not received complaints from all the High Schools.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Have they received complaints from certain High Schools if not from all the High Schools ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—I want notice.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Do the Government intend inquiring and giving liberal promotions to the students, Sir ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—If rules have been infringed we can interfere and set right matters, but if there are no cases of infringement of rules, we cannot interfere.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Does not 40 per cent or 50 per cent of failure indicate the untimely conducting of examination ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—It reflects upon the performance of the students.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Are the Government aware that the time given to students to study for examination was too small a period and that they could not read almost all the text books in view of the fact that Education Reforms were inaugurated on the 30th January ?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—The students were expected to study from the commencement of the academical year.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Is it not a fact that the examinations were conducted two months earlier than the usual time ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is a known fact. You can approach the concerned man and get the necessary information.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—My point is, time being very short the examinations were held three months earlier than the usual time ; it is a matter for the Government to consider, Sir.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—We will enquire into the matter.

Agricultural Department (Promotions in Gazetted Ranks).

Q.—680. Sri G. PUTTASWAMI (Chikmagalur-Mudigere—Scheduled Castes) [On behalf of Sri B. RACHIAH (Yelandur-Scheduled Castes)]. –

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number and names of Gazetted Officers in the Agricultural Department (answers to be furnished with dates of their entry into service, qualification and pay) ;

(*b*) the names of Assistant Directors who have been promoted to the cadre of Senior Assistant Directors (communitywar answer to be given) ;

(*c*) whether it is not a fact that the juniors have been promoted in preference to seniors ?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works) [On behalf of DR. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture)].—

(*a*) 47 ; for details please see statement below.

(*b*) Please see statement below.

(*c*) No.